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**Legislation Committee**

**September 10, 2010**

**Minutes**

Chair Rubin called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Azumbrado, Giacomini, Haggerty, Halsted, Lempert, Rein Worth, and Sperling. Also in attendance: Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Daly, and Kinsey.

The **Minutes** of the July 9, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Commissioner Halsted and a second by Commissioner Sperling.

**Final Draft Plan for Special Language Services to LEP Populations**

The Committee received the report from Catalina Alvarado of MTC staff. Chair Rubin said communication is extremely important and that information in English must be clear so that translations are clear. Commissioner Halsted noted that translation is very important, especially in our transit system. The Plan was forwarded to the Commission for approval after a motion by Commissioner Halsted, and a second by Commissioner Rein Worth.

**Draft MTC Public Participation Plan**

The report by Ms. Alvarado was received by the Committee. Chair Rubin noted that staff was seeking committee approval for the revised schedule. Chair Rubin recognized David Schonbrunn of TRANSDEF. Mr. Schonbrunn requested that the Committee direct staff to put a public alternative process into the public participation plan, and noted that the proposal has been submitted to staff. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to modify the Public Participation Plan schedule and open the Plan to a second public comment period after a motion by Commissioner Rein Worth, and a second by Commissioner Halsted.

**Legislative History**

The report by Rebecca Long of MTC staff was received by the Committee. Commissioner Rein Worth thanked staff for their legislative work.

**Countywide Vehicle Registration Fees**

Seven of the nine Bay Area counties seek voter approval to increase the vehicle registration fee by \$10 per year to fund transportation improvements within each county. Commissioner Lempert asked what MTC's role was in getting these measures on the ballot. Randy Rentschler of MTC staff said MTC's role was to ensure consistency with the regional transportation plan. Commissioner Halsted moved a "support" position on the county measures. The motion was unanimously forwarded to Commission after a second by Commissioner Rein Worth.

## **State Budget Update**

The Committee received the report by Ms. Long.

### **Proposition 22**

Proposition 22 seeks to protect local property tax and redevelopment funds, local transportation funds, and state funds dedicated to transportation and public transit from diversion or borrowing by the state for non-transportation purposes. Commissioner Cortese asked what the consequences would be for county's General Funds if voters approve the measure. Ms. Long said the measure could strain other elements of the state's General Fund, which could cause concern as the monies trickle down to the counties.

Commissioner Haggerty expressed concern over the measure. Mr. Rentschler noted that the measure was designed prior to the gasoline tax swap, and said it was one more effort to protect transportation funds from the state legislature. He noted that user fees, which are outside of the General Fund, would better serve transportation funding. Commissioner Lempert said the measure is a frustrated reaction to the situation in Sacramento and it is not the cure; however, she noted she supports the measure on behalf of the cities of San Mateo County.

Chair Rubin suggested forwarding the measure to the Commission for further discussion without taking a position. Commissioner Spering said the Committee should forward to the Commission with staff's recommendation. He said the measure is an attempt to stop marginalizing local jurisdictions. Commissioner Bates noted that the measure is ballot box budgeting and only compounds the problem in Sacramento.

Commissioner Spering moved a "support" position on Proposition 22, Chair Rubin seconded. The measure was moved to Commission for approval with one nay vote by Commissioner Halsted.

### **Proposition 23**

Proposition 23 would suspend implementation of Assembly Bill 32 (Nuñez), California's Global Warming Solutions Act. Commissioner Halsted moved an "oppose" position on Proposition 23, Commissioner Lempert seconded the motion, and it was forwarded to Commission. Commissioner Spering abstained.

### **Proposition 25**

Proposition 25 seeks to amend the state Constitution to lower the vote requirement necessary for the legislature to pass a budget bill from two-thirds to a majority. Commissioner Halsted moved a "support" position on Proposition 25, Commissioner Lempert seconded the motion, and it was forwarded to Commission for approval. Commissioner Spering voted no.

### **Proposition 26**

Proposition 26 seeks to broaden the definition of a state or local tax to include some charges that are now considered fees. Commissioner Spering moved an "oppose" position on Proposition 26. The motion was unanimously forwarded to Commission after a second by Commissioner Rein Worth.

**President's Infrastructure Proposal**

The Committee received the report by Mr. Rentschler. Executive Director Steve Heminger cautioned that the President's proposal has no funding source. He added that this would be the abolition of a trust funded, user fee-based federal transportation program, which would be more dependent on the General Fund. He added that transportation does not generally compete well with other interests.

**FY 2010-11 Federal Appropriations**

The report by Mr. Rentschler was received by the Committee.

**Tom Bulger's Report**

The Committee received the monthly report from Tom Bulger as presented by Mr. Rentschler.

**Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn**

Commissioner Haggerty adjourned the meeting in honor of Commissioner Yeager's father. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for October 8. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.